

AMENDMENT

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~~a substrate of size and shape suitable for handling by said automated testing apparatus, and including at least one indentation or aperture wherein said indentation or aperture is a location, size and shape suited for access by said automatic testing apparatus; and further comprising supportive material mounted on at least a part of said substrate so as to be at least partially position over said indentation or aperture; and wherein said supportive material comprises a guide means comprising a sample deposition portion that is wetted by a fluid sample, said sample deposition portion being attached to a channel portion, said channel portion including an indicator means arranged therein at a predetermined lateral distance away from said sample deposition portion for indicating that the sample portion is entirely wetted so as to be used for testing; wherein the positioning of the sample to be tested on said sample deposition portion of said supportive material results in excess fluid of said sample travelling along said channel portion and interacting with said indicator means to indicate that said sample deposition portion has been entirely wetted by the fluid sample so as to permit the excess fluid to travel along the channel portion and interact with the indicator means.~~